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Date: 1/24/75

To: Council member Julius Hobson

Comments:

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Robert W. Lessinger

Sandy Brown:

Lorraine McCottry: Do you think we should write routine "thank you for bringing this to my attention" letter? Or just file.

Room 61B
2135 F St., N.W.
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January 23, 1975

The Honorable Councilman Julius Hobson
City Council of the District of Columbia
14th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother, Mr. Hobson:

You might want to urge white, "middle"-class liberals to read William Ryan's Blaming the Victim. In that book, Ryan systematically and logically EXPOSES liberalism. With facts, he counters many lies THAT HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE for helping keep black people and poor people oppressed. Those lies, by keeping down black people, have also kept down white workers -- people like myself. Most importantly, Ryan DOES that IN A WAY LIBERALS CAN LISTEN TO! Generally, as you know it's very HARD to communicate with liberals.

Ryan makes the main point (continued)

in the introduction: "I have now come to believe that the ideology of Blaming the Victim so distorts and disorients the thinking of the average concerned citizen [by which Ryan means the white liberal - R.L.] that it becomes a primary barrier to effective social change. And, further, I believe that the injustices and inequalities in American life can never be understood (and therefore can never be eliminated) until that ideology is exposed and destroyed."

You, Sir, might be particularly interested in something Ryan says about housing:

"The case of New Haven is only an extreme example of the effect of urban renewal on the low-income housing problem. Between the time of the passage of the 1949 Housing Act (ironically prefaced with a pious statement of the goal of decent, safe, and sanitary housing for every American family) and July 1, 1967, over 1400 urban renewal projects in over 700 American cities

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had accomplished the destruction of 383,000 dwelling units, almost all of which had been occupied by low-income families. During the same period -- on the land thus cleared -- only 107,000 new housing units were constructed, of which only 10,000 were low-income apartments. The net effect was a loss of over 350,000 homes for low-income people. . .

"In almost every urban renewal project the objective was to get rid of a slum neighborhood (and the 'undesirables' who lived there) to make room for higher uses. The rehousing of the poor was never a matter that had the slightest priority. . . .

"How have they been able to get away with it? How could these urban renewal people perform such prodigies of destruction and exploitation and keep their membership in the circle of progressive social actionists, or even be hailed as friends of the poor and the Negro? The answer is simple. They lied. And they continued to lie. And [illegible]

they are still lying as I write this sentence. . . ."

The book is FILLED with facts like that! That's why it's IMPOSSIBLE to summarize. But, still many of the facts in the book will be useful to you in and of themselves!

Discount Book Shop is one place that currently has copies of Blaming the Victim in stock; this is, of course, no discount on the price of Blaming the Victim, though. For there's no discount on most of the books at "Discount" Book Shop; so the price is $1.95. Anyway, you can look at the book there.

You'll be glad you listened to this; I'm CONVINCED of that.

Take care always, Sincerely,
Robert W Leisinger
ROBERT W. LEISINGER

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 24, 1975

Mrs. Grace C. Lormans, Director
Retired Senior Volunteer Program of D.C.
95 M Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Mr. Lormans:

I am very sorry my schedule did not permit my being an honored guest at the Second RSVP Annual Meeting held on January 13th, at Arena Stage. I apologize for not responding prior to the program.

Please extend my best wishes to the Retired Senior Volunteers and wish them every success for another year of volunteer service.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilmember at Large

LM:bhs

RSVP-DC

95 M STREET, S.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20024

TELEPHONES: 488-2136-37-38

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December 31, 1974

The Honorable and Mrs. Julius W. Hobson, Sr.
907 4th Street, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20024

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hobson:

The Advisory Committee and Staff of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of the District of Columbia, invite you to be our honor guest at the 2nd RSVP Annual Meeting to be held Monday, January 13, 1975, from 1:00 p. m. to 3:00 p. m., Arena Stage, 6th and M Streets, S. W.

Mr. Victor F. Hruska, Director, Older American Volunteer Programs - ACTION, will be our keynote speaker.

Many of the Retired Senior Volunteers will be an attendance. Some of the volunteers will be honored for outstanding services in more than 50 human service agencies in the District of Columbia.

We look forward to knowing that you will be present. Thank you to have your secretary reply to my office - 488-2136.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace C. Lormans

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RSVP-DC Director

February 10, 1975

Mr. Elroy X Lewis
Mr. Robert X. Dray
Minimum Security Facility
Lorton, Virginia 22079

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Julius W. Hobson
Councilmember at Large

cc: Mrs. Willie J. Hardy, Chairperson
Public Safety Committee

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Date: 1-30-75

To: Councilmember Julius Hobson

Comments:

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Sandy Brown: will forward this to Public Affairs Com. Atty

Sample letter II

Lorraine McCottry

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Mr. Delbert Jackson, Director
Department of Corrections

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Clay & Sears

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Truly Yours,
Elmy X. Lewis
Robert X. Day

cc/ The Mayor office
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Mr.Gimble, I would be most happy if you would give me any information that is within your knowledge to give.

Thank you.

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cc/ D.C.Officials
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Subject : Work Furlough.

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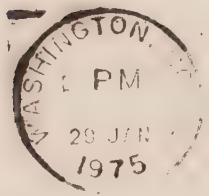

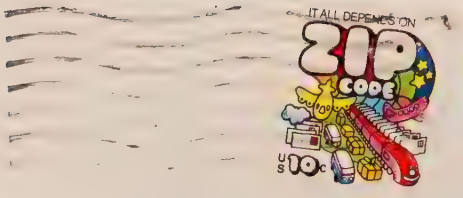

MR. Julius Hobson
D.C. City Council
14 and E Street, N.W
Washington, D.C.

February 26, 1975

Mr. H.A. B. Leavitt, President
Metropolitan Washington Examiner
4620 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

Thought you would be interested.

Julius W. Hobson

Enclosure

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

February 27, 1975

Ms. Joan D. Lewis, Chairman
The Citizen Judiciary Committee of D.C.
Washington Office
234 58th Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20019

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Because your letter of January 6, 1975 concerns the problems of an inmate (Elroy X. Lewis) of the Department of Corrections, I am referring your communication to the Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, Mrs. Willie Hardy, for reply to your Committee.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilmember at Large

cc: Copies of Correspondence
to Mrs. Hardy

Mr. Delbert Jackson, Director
Department of Corrections

THE CITIZEN JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20019

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Dec.13,1974

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Comments:

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Sandy Brown:

Use sample memo I & send to head of Dept. of Corrections.

Lorraine McCottry

To: Head of Department of Corrections
Delbert E. Jackson

Dear Mr. Jackson

Attached is a letter from Ms Joan D. Lewis, chairman of the Citizen Judiciary Committee District of Columbia concerning Elroy X. Lewis and his participation as a Black Muslim. Religious work & training program.

I would appreciate some background information including a brief summary of the problem by February 7. In your summary please discuss what actions you may have taken and what further steps you plan to take.

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FROM THE DESK OF

Julius W. Hobson, Sr.

add under cc
"Velma C. Jackson"
to follow our
sample II approach
outlined in the
Morris letter ———

otherwise we will
forever be just "passing
the buck!"

February 27, 1975

Honorable Jerry Litton
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Litton:

Because of your interest in the subject of police surveillance of political activities, I am enclosing the attached memorandum. I hope you will give us your support.

Julius W. Hobson

Enclosure

April 14, 1975

Mr. Pedro J. Lujan, Chairperson
Adams Morgan Organization
2431 Eighteenth Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Lujan:

I am sorry my schedule did not permit my attending the Flag Raising Ceremony in the Adams-Morgan Neighborhood.

I know that all of the varied people in the AMO Community are proud of the unity they have achieved in their neighborhood and of their flag, which is a symbol of their cooperation.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilmember at large

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2431 Eighteenth Street, Northwest
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202 332-2628

Regretted

March 17, 1975

The Honorable Julius W. Hobson
Council of the District
of Columbia
District Building
5th Floor
14th & E Sts., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20004

Dear Councilman Hobson:

On behalf of the Adams-Morgan Organization, it is my pleasure to invite you to a Flag Raising Ceremony in the Adams-Morgan Neighborhood. The Ceremony will be held on March 22 at 12:00 noon at the corner of 18th and Columbia Road, at which time we will raise the AMO flag, the design of which was approved by the AMO Community Assembly and represents the unity in diversity of the varied peoples of our neighborhood.

We in Adams-Morgan are proud of our community and we look forward to participation with the City Administration, the City Council, and in the Advisory Neighborhood Councils which we believe will provide a fruitful vehicle for community decisions on those government actions affecting our neighborhood.

We welcome your participation in the Ceremony. Please contact the AMO office at the address and phone number above to let us know if your schedule permits you to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Pedro Lujan
AMO Chairperson

May 15, 1975

Mr. Warren D. Landis
Acting Administrator
Wage and Hour Division
Department of Labor
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Mr. Landis:

I have been contacted by Mrs. H. Greenwood Allen of Greenwood's Transfer and Storage, Incorporated concerning possible disbarment of that firm from bidding on Government contracts by the Department of Labor.

According to Mrs. Allen the case was heard by an Administrative Law Judge after the company had paid to the Department of Labor the full amount of such fringe benefits as the Department had computed. However, it was the company's position that such sums had properly been included in the wages of employees. The Administrative Law Judge found that a substantial portion of the non-payment was the result of a mistake of law and that on this basis the company should be relieved from the penalty of disbarment; however, as to certain of the mistakes made, the Administrative Law Judge found that officers of the company were "non-culpably negligent" and that the Administrator should not relieve the company from the penalty of disbarment.

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The company has been doing business with the Department of Labor for 15 to 20 years and is certified by the Small Business Administration as a small business concern. In addition, the company, which is the oldest black-owned firm in the District of Columbia, has maintained a good business reputation.

I wish to express my concern over the possible disbarment of Greenwood's Transfer and Storage as a bidder on Federal contracts and respectfully request that you exercise your discretion in deciding this case on its merits.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilmember at large

May 22, 1975

Mr. Jack Lorenz
Izaak Walton League of America
1800 N. Kent (#806)
Arlington, Va. 22209

Dear Mr. Lorenz:

Enclosed is a copy of a notice of public hearing on returnable beverage container legislation which is being held by the Committee on Transportation and Environmental Affairs. Either you or your organization may wish to testify before the Committee or submit a written statement. The hearings are scheduled for June 4 and 5, 1975 at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

The hearings concern a topic that is of vital importance to the whole issue of solid waste management and the environment, and I invite you to testify. If you wish to give testimony you should contact Ms. Gwen Bonilke at 638-2223 or 629-3806 before 5:30 p.m. on June 2, 1975.

Sincerely,

JULIUS W. HOBSON
COUNCILMEMBER AT LARGE

Enclosure

May 26, 1975

Mr. Louis N. Lehman
President
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Baltimore, Maryland 21223

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PHONE: 947-6970

MAY 9, 1975

THE HONORABLE JULIUS W. HOBSON, SR.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COUNCIL
DISTRICT BUILDING
14TH & E. STREETS N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

DEAR MR. HOBSON:

WE ALL HOPE THAT YOU WILL OPPOSE THE INTENDED 1% GROSS RECEIPT TAX ON RETAILERS AND ½% ON MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALERS.

YOUR SUPPORT TO THE ALTERNATIVE 3% CORPORATE SURTAX, WHICH CERTAINLY SEEMS TO BE MORE FAIR AND EQUITABLE AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY, WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATIVE.

THE ALTERNATIVE 3% CORPORATE SURTAX FOLLOWS:

1.	PERMANENTLY INCREASE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE TO 9% (AS PROPOSED APRIL 4, 1975)	YIELD $3.2 MILLION
2.	APPLY A NEW 1-YEAR ONLY SURTAX AT 3% ON CORPORATE INCOME	YIELD 9.6
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	TOTAL	22.3
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	TOTAL	$37.5 MILLION

WE WISH TO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

SINCERELY

Louis N. Lehman

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PRESIDENT

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Mr. Sol M. Linowitz
President
Federal City Council
1155 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Linowitz:

I am sorry that I was not able to attend the Spring Board Meeting of the Federal City Council. Because of previous commitments I was unable to attend. However, I wish to thank you for the copy of the testimony given by your committee on transportation concerning the financing of construction costs for METRO given before the City Council's Committee on Transportation and Environment.

I appreciate your taking the time to send me a copy of this testimony.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilmember at large

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For Community Development in the Nation's Capital

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May 14, 1975

The Honorable Julius Hobson, Sr.
Councilman
D.C. City Council
The District Building
14th & E Streets, N.W.
5th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Hobson:

I am sorry that you were unable to attend our Spring Board Meeting. One of the items discussed was our deep concern over how to finance the cost of construction for the Washington area METRO system. In this regard, I thought you would be interested in the attached testimony on the subject by the Joint Committee on Transportation organized by the Federal City Council.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sol M. Linowitz
President

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Joan Little

June 16, 1975

Dear Friend,

Joan Little goes on trial on July 14th in Raleigh, North Carolina. She is charged with the murder of Clarence Alligood, the white jailer who attempted to rape her. If convicted, Joan Little would receive the death sentence.

Joan Little defended herself against the abuses which black women face every day as a result of racist and sexist attitudes. Her case is a symbol to the millions of Americans who have fought against these injustices. Recently, at a rally in Washington, D.C., Joan Little called on Washingtonians to support her case by demonstrating for her freedom on the day of her trial, either here in Washington or in Raleigh--as part of a nationally-coordinated day of protest. Joan Little said, "Without your support, they can easily railroad me into jail."

We echo Joan's urgent plea. On Monday, June 23rd at 7:30 P.M., at the All Souls Church (16th & Harvard Sts., N.W.), groups and individuals in the D.C. area will be meeting to discuss how we can organize support for the July 14th actions. We ask that you, or a representative of your organization, plan to attend that meeting. For more information, call D.C. Student Coalition Against Racism at 676-7589 or 337-2373.

Sincerely,

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The Ombudsman Ethics Bill

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Dear Councilmember Hobson:

Your Committee on Government Operations will be considering The Ombudsman Ethics Bill on July 23rd. It is a comprehensive adjustment to the current ethics operation in the city. It would tighten lobbyist regulation, establish the voting privilige for felons, require an explanatory voters pamphlet to be printed and distributed, provide for a system of mixed financing of primary and general elections, reorganize the Board of Elections and Ethics, and ammend the existing Conflict of Interest statute.

Common Cause, a national citizens lobby with approximately 300,000 members 5,000 of which reside in the District, feels that the Conflict of Interest area requires substantial adjustment. The question of public confidence depends on impropiety or the appearance of impropiety. We feel that meaningful disclosure of financial interests that is public is the only manner to ensure that the performance of our officials is above reproach.

Public financial disclosure provisions have been adopted, re-established, or maintained in thirty-four states around the country. Twenty of these laws were enacted during 1973 and 1974. Of course, the laws vary widely with respect to the interests officials are required to disclose, the throughness of disclosure, who recieves the reports, and the penalties for non-compliance. However, none of the disclosure requirements are as secret as the District's proposed plan. Seventeen of the state laws require local as well as state officials to file financial disclosure statements.(Arkansas, California, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Washington) Even though the Alaska statute does not require disclosure by local officials Anchorage, Alaska has enacted its own financial disclosure ordinances.

The current bill that you will be considering does not require all public officials to make public their financial statements. An official under investigation by the Board of Elections and Ethics is also permitted to withdraw information prior to that investigation In addition, the proposed bill does not allow the Board to review information upon submission. A campaign questionaire submitted to all the candidates shows that four out of five of the Committee members favored releasing financial disclosure statements to the public and the news media. The fifth member did not respond to our questionaire. Common Cause/D.C. urges Committee members to honor their campaign commitment and change the proposed legislation to include public disclosure of financial interests.

Sincerely,

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia has two positions on ANCs which are so interwoven with the second phase of the legislation that we would like to ask you to keep them in mind as you prepare the second ANC Bill.

The first is that "Legislation in the beginning should be minimal and provide for flexibility in the organization and operation of the ANCs." We think that, in order to profit by the best experience of the individual neighborhood commissions, requirements should not be rigid and should allow for wide experimentation, at least in the first few years.

The second is that "Provision should be made for D.C. residents who are not qualified electors to have a voice in the activities of the ANCs". This League position was taken with special concern for Spanish speaking residents and other nationals awaiting citizenship and for youth, but also in a belief that ANCs should respond to the concerns of all residents of their areas, not just electors.

Section 5 of the report accompanying Bill 1-87 on ANCs recommends that the second ANC Bill require the election of two standard committees of the ANCs, one by youths 14 - 18 and one by aliens, to advise the ANCs. We heartily endorse the concept of ANCs attending the needs of non-voters, but we question whether it is wise to require by law that this be done through the election of standing committees. Some ANCs may find simpler or more effective ways. Where ANCs are effective, should they represent youth? Would Town Meetings, at which everyone may speak and vote, work? We also question naming youth and aliens only. Should ANCs not also attend to the concerns of residents who are citizens, but who, for one reason or another, vote elsewhere? Are there other groups? This whole area seems to be one in which you might do well to require that the ANCs provide for giving everyone a voice in their activities, but not tell them precisely how to do it.

We hope that you will require that all ANC meetings be public and that methods be devised to tell the public where and when they will be held.

We plan to testify at the hearings later this month. Thank you for bringing the ANCs as far as you have and congratulations on removing the confusing word "Council" without changing the now familiar initials "ANC". We look forward to working with the Council on providing information to the public in the months to come.

Sincerely yours,
Ellyn Swanson
Ellyn Swanson (Mrs. A.G.)
President

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August 20, 1975

Members of the City Council
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Washington, DC 20004

Dear Council Members:

Since you are now considering the possibility of a D.C. lottery, may I call your attention to the enclosures in this letter?

The Washington Post, Star and the News of March 24, 1949 carried my letter which proposed a D.C. lottery and the reasoning behind the suggestion. This letter is just as timely today.

Walter Winchell's article in the Washington Post of 4/26/51 bears on a hundred subject. It, too, is enclosed.

I hope these items may shed some light on this controversial subject.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Florence Marcia Jackson Zuesse.

3 enclosures

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Walter Winchell

. . . In New York

Washington Post 4/26/51

Never a Dull Moment Dep't

The following letter is from a big newspaper publisher, who marked it personal, so his identity is omitted; "Dear W.W.: I have just read with interest your INS interview with Frank Costello and his argument in favor of legalized gambling. Having been raised in a Deep South city, I lived with the gambling problem for a long time, and just for the fun of it I want to get my nickel's worth to you.

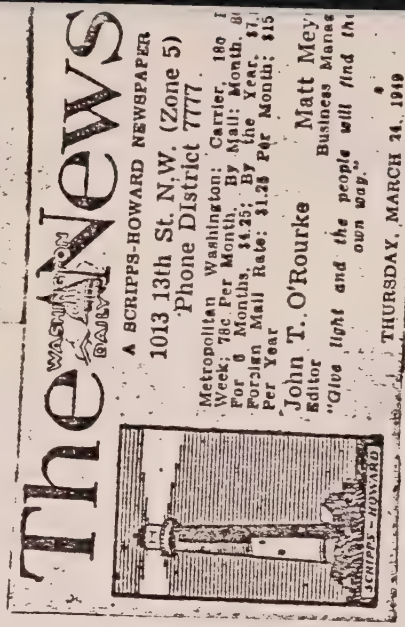
"I think the best approach to the subject is by way of the analogy of houses of prostitution. It used to be very fashionable for 'advanced thinkers' to argue that prostitution could never be legislated away, that it was hypocritical to argue that it could, and that the 'progressive' course was to openly legalize the houses.' Along came a wonderful doctor and public servant named Tom Parran, whom FDR picked to head the Public Health Service. Instead of looking into theoretical arguments, Parran started looking into the facts. He found a small percentage of men are going to find sources of prostitution despite any difficulties.

"I think 'wide open' gambling—whether legalized or just tacitly approved by the community—has almost the same effect. That is, it greatly expands the number of people who will gamble, and thus it greatly increases the two major social harms: (1) gambling losses by people who cannot afford them leading to increased embezzlement, etc., and general family tragedies; (2) increasing profits to people in control of gambling and thus providing larger and larger funds for the corruption of Government.

"Finally, to use another analogy, it all seems to me about the same as the problem of running a kitchen. There is no magical single thing that will keep out the cockroaches forever. If you have a well-run kitchen, you keep them down to an endurable minority, and when you get slack in your kitchen work the cockroaches increase. I never heard anyone contend that we ought to legalize cockroaches just because there will always be some, and so with gambling I think we have to realize that there will always be occasions that require cleaning up the joint. Sincerely."

(*It seems to me* the major problem is not gambling but the corruption of public officials. My view is that legalized gambling means regulating it; hence there needn't be a licensed gambling place on every block. A few legalized places would make it even more difficult to place a bet than now . . . Further, under legal regulation, the use of the telephone would be forbidden.

Actually, however, the placing of an occasional $2 bet is the source of genuine enjoyment for many citizens. I seem to recall, for example, that General Omar Bradley was quoted recently as saying a small bet on a horse gave him far more enjoyment than going to the theatre. I agree. I think this comes under the head of legitimate entertainment.)



The Washington Post
WASHINGTON 4, D. C.

March 24, 1949

Dear Miss Jackson:

Enclosed find a clipping of your letter as it appeared in The Post of March 24, 1949. We are forwarding this in case you missed seeing it.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Estabrook

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Lorton

8/20/75

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SUBJECT : LACK OF ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION

FROM : OFFICE OF RESIDENTS CONCERN

On numerous occasions the Office of Residents Concern, an organization within Lorton Central Facility. Has made contact with the City Council Representatives in regard to the various and indepth needs of men now housed in lorton serving sentences. Specifically, the mens families are without effective representation while the men housed here are subjected by virtue of the lack of quality education, and no meaningful marketable skills toward preparations to meet the available opportunities upon his return to the wards of the community.

No one council representative has made any contribution in support nor has he or she made a definitive public position as it relates to the men being re-socialized back into the comminity, nor has one council representative visited lorton to take an indepth observation and account of the needs, while this all leads to and is a process of ineffectiveness on City Council Representative and further contributes to contamination of the individuals attitudes, self acceptance, self stability and self satisfaction, we of O.R.C. as Representatives of the General Population in the Central Facility are making all aware of the neglegence of our elected City Council in regard to this institution and the lack of active input into the over all growth and development as it affects the re-socialization of the men housed in the Lorton Complex, and return to the community wards. "We need assistance."

OBJECTIVELY YOURS,

OFFICE OF RESIDENTS CONCERN

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September 15, 1975

Mr. Pedro A. Lujan
President
"Hispanic American Heritage Week"
(Dia HispanoAmericano)
1470 Irving Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Lujan:

I am very sorry I was out of the city on vacation on July 24th and therefore could not attend the buffet dinner honoring distinguished members of the Spanish community and the commemoration of the 5th anniversary of the establishment of the D.C. Spanish Office.

You have my congratulations.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson

P.S. Lorraine McCottry, my administrative assistant, sends a warm hello to Sonia Torres Fairchild.

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PEDRO A. LUJAN
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(202) 232-4524

letter of request

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The Hispanic American Heritage Committee of Washington, D.C. cordially invites you to attend a buffet dinner honoring distinguish members of our community and commemorating the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the D. C. Spanish Office.

Date: Thursday, July 24th, 1975

Place: "Los Gitanos Restaurant"
2121 "P" Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Cash Bar

RSVP:
232-9197
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September 15, 1975

Mr. Sidney A. Levy, President
Apartment and Office Building Association of
Metropolitan Washington
1511 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Levy:

Yes, I am interested in legislation dealing with architectural control, especially concerning facilities for the handicapped. For this reason, I am sincerely sorry I could not attend the special luncheon program on September 3 and participate in the discussions on this subject. I was unable to send a representative because of staff vacations.

Thank you for the invitation to participate in your program.

Sincerely,

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Date: 5/19

To: Councilmember Julius Hobson

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August 29, 1975

The Honorable Julius W. Hobson, Sr., Member
D.C. City Council
District Building
14th & E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hobson:

The Apartment and Office Building Association would like to invite you to be our guest on September 3, 1975, for a special luncheon program in the State Room of the Mayflower Hotel at 11:30 A.M.

This program will be an industry/media exchange on various legislative acts pending and proposed in the District of Columbia and we feel it would be of great interest to you.

If you are unable to attend personally, we would be pleased to have a representative from your office attend.

Please call our office and advise whether you will be able to accept our invitation.

Sincerely,

Sidney A. Levy

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Honorable Julius W. Hobson, Sr.
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October 7, 1975

Mr. Bruce Lawrence
Mr. Alexander Matosian
Co-Chairman
11th Annual Joint Graphic Communications Night
c/o Printing Industry of Washington, D.C., Inc.
720 Woodward Building
15th and H Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Gentlemen:

I regret that my schedule does not permit Mrs. Hobson and I attending the joint meeting of the printing industry. Please extend our congratulations to the winner of the "Man of the Year Award for his outstanding and unselfish contributions to the graphic arts industry.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson

September 30, 1975

Honorable Julius Hobson
Council of the District
of Columbia
District Building
5th Floor
14th & E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Association
of the Printing &
Allied Industries

720
Woodward Building
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Washington, D.C.
20005

628-8495

Dear Mr. Hobson:

The 11th Annual Joint Graphic Communications Night will be held on Tuesday evening, November 11, 1975. This meeting is sponsored by the following local graphic arts organizations:

Direct Marketing Club of Washington
Franklin Technical Society
In-Plant Printing Management Association
Mail Advertising Services Association
Printers Supplymen's Guild
Printing Industry of Washington
Washington Club of Printing House Craftsmen
Washington Litho Club
Washington Printing Guild

The purpose of this Joint Meeting is to provide an opportunity for all who are interested in graphic communications to become better acquainted at the same time that we traditionally honor one person for his outstanding and unselfish contributions to the graphic arts industry by presenting him with the "Man-of-the-Year Award".

We are fortunate, this year, to have as our guest speaker the Honorable Sterling Tucker, Chairperson of the D. C. City Council.

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your spouse to be our guests at this important industry event which will be held at the Chief Petty Officers' Club at the Washington Navy Yard. There will be a reception from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. followed by the program.

We would appreciate it if you would let us know at your earliest convenience if you can be with us.

Sincerely,

Bruce Lawrence

Bruce Lawrence, Co-Chairman
representing Washington Litho Club

Alexander Matosian

Alexander Matosian, Co-Chairman
representing Franklin Technical Society

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November 11

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Date: 10-2-75

To: Council member Julius Hobson

Comments: _____

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Alice Blue: _____

November 13, 1975

Mr. Marshall Lichtenstein
Chairman, D.C. Elections Committee
Young Lawyers Section
The Bar Association of the District of Columbia
1819 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036

Position of the Young Lawers Section of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia re: Bill 1-120, the D.C. Elections Act Amendments of 1975.

Mr. Lichtenstein:

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November 4, 1975

Councilmember Arrington Dixon
District Building
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Arrington:

Thank you for your letter of October 28, 1975 in which you requested our views on Bill 1-120 and that a representative of the Bar Association attend the Committee on Government Operations meeting of November 5, 1975 at which the subject bill would be discussed. I have asked Kathleen Sheekey, Director of the Young Lawyers Section, to attend the meeting and to submit our views on Bill 1-120 (views attached). The attached memorandum represents endorsement of Bill 1-120, but suggests certain modifications which we think will result in improvements to the legislation.

We appreciate the opportunity to present our views and hope that you find them useful. If you or Bruce French would like to discuss further the points I raise, please feel free to give me a call.

With kind regards,

Marshall Lichtenstein
Chairman, D.C. Elections
Committee

Attachment

P.S. Thank you very much for stopping by our October 30th Victory Party.

cc: Council Chairman Sterling Tucker
Councilmember Marion Barry
Councilmember Julius Hobson
Councilmember William Spaulding

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November 5, 1975

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References are to Title name, page number and line number. Briefly summarized are the major provisions of each Title and the recommendation of the Young Lawyers Section:

Title I -- Organization of the Board of Elections (page 1)

Page 1, lines 20-22 -- gives City Council power to set ward boundaries
Recommendation -- Good provision

Lines 27-37 -- increases size of Board from 3 to 7 and requires some representation for at least 3 political parties.
Recommendation -- Good provision. Board will have extensive hearing responsibilities and more members are needed to efficiently administer (See page 4, line 99).

Page 2, line 42 -- limits Board membership to 2 terms.
Recommendation -- Do not think such a limitation is wise in this type body.

Line 49 -- Grounds for removal are Federal employment, less than 3 years residence in D.C., and participation in partisan activities while on the Board.
Recommendation -- Generally a good provision. However, Federal employees should be allowed to be Board members and the residence requirement would be more reasonable at 2 years.

Page 4, line 99 -- allows Board to hear administrative appeals in panels.
Recommendation -- Clarify to assure that it covers all matters for which hearings can be held, and to assure that appeals taken to the Court of Appeals will be de novo(see line 114).

Title II -- Conflicts of Interest and Disclosure (page 5)

In general, current provisions are tightened up considerably.
Recommendation -- Inclusion of $29,818 figure on page 6, line 148 may be too inflexible in light of inflationary wage trends. Otherwise, the Title is good.

Title III -- Lobbying (page 9)

In general, tightens up lobbying provisions in current law.
Page 11, lines 281-284 -- an exemptive provision for attorneys.
Recommendation -- Good.

Page 20, line 509 -- penalty for late filing.
Recommendation -- Should allow waiver of penalty where tardiness is not willful..

Title IV -- Multilingual Election Materials (page 20)

Essentially it bails down to election materials in Spanish and English where more than 5% of are Spanish speaking.

Recommendation -- Idea is good. However, "Spanish speaking" is almost impossible to determine. Suggest Census terminology of "Spanish surnamed."

Title V -- Public Agenda Setting (page 22)

Similar to initiative and referendum.

Recommendation -- Good idea. However, line 568 ties the process in to "last regular election." May result in a flood of petitions because some elections have as few as 20,000 voters. Suggest tieing it in to registered voters or to major election such as Presidential.

Title VI -- Voters Pamphlet (page 23)

Provides for an extensive non-partisan program of voter education. Would not take effect until 1977.

Recommendation -- Generally a good idea. However, page 24, line 41 makes no sense in that registration deadline will have passed. Also, perhaps Board should be left more flexibility to determine most effective forms design. I fear too much "traffic" in legislatively dictated materials. Maybe several mailings of shorter pamphlets would be better. Also, suggest tieing in voter education to biannual voter registration mail-out.

Page 30, lines 213-214 -- excludes Advisory Neighborhood Commissions from this Title.

Recommendation -- Good. Holds costs down and is more manageable.

Title VII -- Presidential Preference Primary (page 30)

Page 30, lines 226-233 -- participation in primary is voluntary under current law.

Recommendation -- Good. Change will give voters all choices.

Title VIII -- Enfranchisement of Ex-Felons (page 31)

Page 31, lines 255-259 -- present law allows re-enfranchisement 5 years after sentence completed or 3 years after probation or parole.

Recommendation -- Good. Will help rehabilitate persons who have paid debt to society.

Title IX-- Constituent Services (page 31)

Allows Mayor and Council members to set up offices in wards.

Recommendation -- Good, but must clarify how many ward offices for each position and whether $5,000 limit is aggregate for all offices or for each one (see page 32).

Title -- Miscellaneous Provisions (page 33)

Lines 305-306 -- repeals Board of Elections Nominating Committee which has been in existence for only 1 year.

Recommendation -- Good. The committee is not really needed based on the last year's experience and simply adds an unnecessary cost.

Lines 314-316 -- raises amount ofindividual political contributions which must be reported to campaign treasurer from $10 to $50.

Recommendation -- Realistic

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Councilman at Large

November 21, 1975

Mrs. Helen Lewis
Executive Director
D.C. Commission on the Status of Women
Room 204- The District Building
14th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated October 14, that I sent to the Deputy Director of the D.C. Department of Recreation. The answer is dated November 4, and is also enclosed. I asked Dr. Rumsey for a breakdown by sex of the participants in the various recreational programs and for a profile of the Department of Recreation regarding the status of women in general.

The District of Columbia Commission on the Status of Women would be providing me with expert and valuable assistance if the Commission could review the status of women in the Department of Recreation.

The Department of Recreation is proud of its hiring record and feels that it "stands out among many departments of the District of Columbia Government ..." Recommendation and comments for improvement would be appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson

Julius W. Hobson
Chairman
Committee on Education, Recreation & Youth Affairs

Enclosures
cc: Dr. William H. Rumsey, Deputy Director, D.C. Department of Recreation

October 14, 1975

Dr. William H. Rumsey
Deputy Director
D.C. Department of Recreation
3149 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20010

Dear Dr. Rumsey:

Please provide a detailed report on the status of women in the Department of Recreation. This should include an analysis of employment patterns by salary grade and sex.

I am also desirous of ascertaining the participation rates of male and females, for all age levels, e.g. preschool, school-age children, teenagers and adults in the various programs offered by the department. What steps are taken to ensure that girls are equally encouraged to participate in recreational activities as boys are? Is participation restricted by sex in any of your programs? How do you assure that private groups who use your facilities do not practice sexual discrimination?

Sincerely yours,

JULIUS W. HOBSON, Chairman
Committee on Education, Recreation,
and Youth Affairs

cc: Mr. Joseph Cole, Director

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION
3149 SIXTEENTH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20010

November 4, 1975

The Honorable Julius W. Hobson
Chairman, Committee on Education,
Recreation & Youth Affairs
D. C. City Council
Washington, D. C. 20004

Dear Councilman Hobson:

Following is the report on the status of women in the Department of Recreation which you requested in your letter of October 20, 1975.

A review of the Department's minority employment status reveals that 86 percent of all employees are Black. Of the Department's 536 recreation and administrative positions, 50 percent are occupied by women. The average grade for both male and female is slightly over a GS-8. The average salary for both male and female employees is $11,640. The heavy concentration of males in maintenance occupations precludes establishment of hiring goals for women beyond present limits unless the labor market produces more qualified women. However, our Personnel Office has been successful in encouraging women to accept appointments to the buildings and grounds maintenance career field. This will continue.

An analysis of our staffing pattern indicates that women occupy 36.3 percent of our positions at the GS-9 through GS-11 level. We believe our record thus far is pretty good. The Department of Recreation, in our opinion, stands out among many departments of the District of Columbia Government in employing qualified females for positions GS-9 and above within our budgetary limitations. It is our opinion that many variables must be taken into consideration when one seeks to answer truthfully questions about employment of females in professional recreation positions.

A major variable, for example, falls in the category of preparation at the college level regarding the number of women who major in Recreation as a specialty, Physical Education, Sociology, or the Arts. Males out number females as majors in the above fields, especially in the District of Columbia and nearby colleges and universities by six to one. Another variable is the fact that under the Civil Service standards for hiring employees, we cannot discriminate against men or women, but rather hire on the basis of education and experience.

Still another variable, which we cannot overlook, is the fact that staffing patterns in recreation must be considered. We could hardly have all women on one playground or all men. Therefore, the general staffing pattern is to have at least a male and a female on all playgrounds.

The Department has a heavy concentration of males at the GS-9 and GS-10 levels in the Roving Leader Program because so much of the roving leader effort is directed at delinquent male youth. I do not anticipate significant changes in our staffing pattern at the GS-9 through GS-11 levels unless Congress and, hopefully, the City Council authorize additional positions for the employment of women in the Roving Leader Program. With respect to the few positions at the GS-12 level and above, we do not foresee a significant turnover in the next three years. However, we are presently participating in the D.C. Personnel Affirmative Action Plan (see enclosure) for placement of women at GS-12 level and above and are very sensitive to our obligations. I can assure you, however, that at no time do we discriminate against women to promote or to hire them in high level positions in the employment competitive system.

Participation Rates of Male and Female in
Various Programs for all Age Levels

Since the Department's programs are so varied, ranging from Cooperative Play with 3-, 4-, and 5-year olds, After School Care Program, and Adult Programs, we have summarized these separate groups and have made a general statement about the activities on the many playgrounds and recreation centers, and listed them as general recreation services.

Generally speaking, we should indicate, however, that we have specifically three programs - Cooperative Play, Day Care and After School Care - whose participation is governed by enrollment and where there is absolutely no regard to race, sex or other discriminatory factors. These special programs have separate statements relating to them and are also governed by Federal statutes preventing operation with Revenue Sharing Funds in a discriminatory fashion.

As for the general program for boys and girls, we have made reports of several selected items which we hope will bring out the point that we do have open registration for these items. Even though we structure programs for girls and boys separately, we have found no instances where any child who has applied within the age and weight classification, if such be the requirement, has been denied the opportunity to participate. You will note that in some instances we have a much larger percentage of boys and in others a larger percentage of girls in co-recreation activities.

In summary, we have been heading towards increased participation by both sexes in sports and recreation activities. We earnestly solicit both boys and girls to participate. We will make sure that our staff members are specifically careful in ensuring that girls are given an equal opportunity for participation in our activities.

Cooperative Play Program

The Cooperative Play Program is a free public funded program for 3-, 4-, and 5-year olds, residing in the District of Columbia. The program services all socio-economic levels with no race or sex discrimination. Therefore, all girls and boys meeting the age and resident requirements are eligible for the program.

There are no sex restrictions in the program for the children, parents or employees.

Every child participates in all phases of the pre-school program regardless of sex.

Cooperative Play
Partial Pre-School Enrollment

Girls	408
Boys	396

The foremost qualifying criterion for entrance into the Day Care Program is that the child in question comes from a home in which the combined annual income of the parents or guardians does not exceed $7,000. This restriction, coupled with the stipulation that parents be enrolled and participating in training programs, is the only selective practice tolerated within the program.

While Day Care facilities are publicized, there is no element of preference regarding male or female enrollment. Consequently, the actual ratios are quite random and merely indicative of community needs.

Restrictions by sex are elminiated by adhering strictly to a "first come" - "first serve" policy.

All physical plant facilities utilized by the Day Care Program are in a tenet capacity only. In this regard, sole responsibility for the prevention of sex discrimination when private groups have use of the facilities is invested in individual property management.

Day Care Enrollment

Center	Number of Boys	Number of Girls	Total
Barry Farms	13	12	25
Douglass	11	8	19
Malcolm X	10	10	20
Watkins	10	7	17
Potomac	12	12	24
Bald Eagle	13	7	20
Randall	11	13	24
New York	9	11	20
Powell Lincoln	13	7	20
Woodridge	11	8	19
Emery	14	11	25

Day Care Enrollment (Continued)

Center	Number of Boys	Number of Girls	Total
Banneker	8	9	17
Webb Trinidad	6	9	15
Kenilworth Parkside	4	14	18
East Capitol	14	8	22
Langston	4	9	13
Benning Park	4	14	18
Rosedale	10	6	16
Deanwood	10	4	14
Stoddert Terrace	9	9	18

After School Care Program
Boy/Girl Participation Equalization

The implementation of the After School Care Program is to provide meaningful programs and encourage full participation by all boys and girls. This program is designed to allow each child an opportunity for new and constructive peer-group relationships, regardless of sex. We encourage both girls and boys to participate in structured activities of the D.C. Department of Recreation as well as other community activities. The children are given the freedom to choose the activities they prefer without apprehension.

Listed below are a few activities and special events that are taking place at the various centers on a co-ed basis:

Learn to Play Tennis Program	Telephone Demonstrations (Workshop)
Roller Skating	Hockey on Skates
Gardening	Camping
Fishing Trips	Movies
Kickball	Volleyball
Cooking Classes	Hygiene Classes
Arts & Crafts Exhibitions	Gymnastics
Putt-Putt Golf	Birthday of the Month Clubs
Tutorial Aide	Field Trips
Pre-Teen and Teen Clubs	Dance: Tap, Modern, and African

Total number of children being served is 587; 320 girls and 267 boys.

Participation Rates of Males and Females for
All Levels in the Various Programs Offered
by Department

By Program	Total	Male	Female
Mental Retardation & Physically Handicapped	1,364	806	558
Roving Leaders	18,278	12,795	5,483
Mental Health	8,400	4,000	4,400
Senior Citizens	30,855	10,323	20,532
Youth Gardens	1,200	750	450
Adult Sports	140,681	93,782	46,899
Day Camps	2,400	720	1,680
Resident Camp	1,512	956	556
Tennis Instructions	1,157	405	752
Aquatics	2,776,930	1,805,004	971,926

Participation of Male and Female,
by Activity

Activity	Girls vs. Girls	Boys vs. Boys	All Age Levels
Golf	"	"	"
Archery	"	"	" some mixed
Volleyball	-	-	" some mixed Co-Rec tournaments
Swimming	"	"	"
Soccer	"	"	" 10% girls with boys
Tackle Football	-	"	"
Touch Football (Powder Puff)	"	-	"
Touch Football	-	"	" 3% girls
Softball	"	"	" 1% mixed
Baseball	"	"	" 1% mixed
Hobbies (boats, planes, Kites, etc.)	"	90% boys	"
Track	"	"	"
Tennis	"	"	" mixed doubles
Bowling	"	"	" mixed doubles
Kickball	12 and under		" mixed
Arts (tap & ballet, etc.)	90% female	"	"
Low Organized Games	12 under - 50%	- Over 13	60%-40% male

Girls are never discouraged to participate in any of the above activities. All participants get the same encouragement; however, those girls with some ability are more favored than some boys where there is a matter of choice. Proper leadership and guidance, both male and female, are at their disposal at all times.

Restrictions to some programs may be noted above, but where girls have shown interest and some ability they have been accepted and participate with males.

Private groups must agree to our policies and procedures before they are granted the use of our facilities and we have never received any complaints on the matters presented either before or after usage.

If you have any further questions on the status of women in the Department of Recreation, or if the Department can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Rumsey, Ph.D.
Deputy Director

Enclosure 1
Department of Recreation
Affirmative Action Plan
for Equal Employment
Opportunity

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Councilman at Large

November 21, 1975

Mrs. Helen Lewis
Executive Director
D.C. Commission on the Status of Women
Room 204- The District Building
14th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated October 14, that I sent to the Deputy Director of the D.C. Department of Recreation. The answer is dated November 4, and is also enclosed. I asked Dr. Rumsey for a breakdown by sex of the participants in the various recreational programs and for a profile of the Department of Recreation regarding the status of women in general.

The District of Columbia Commission on the Status of Women would be providing me with expert and valuable assistance if the Commission could review the status of women in the Department of Recreation.

The Department of Recreation is proud of its hiring record and feels that it "stands out among many departments of the District of Columbia Government ..." Recommendation and comments for improvement would be appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson

Julius W. Hobson
Chairman
Committee on Education, Recreation & Youth Affairs

Enclosures
cc: Dr. William H. Rumsey, Deputy Director, D.C. Department of Recreation

December 2, 1975

Ms. Mary Ann Largen
National Rape Task Force
5208 8th Road, Apt. 523-B
Arlington, Virginia 22204

Dear Ms. Largen:

Enclosed is a copy of the "Prior Sexual Conduct Evidence Act of 1975" that Mr. Hobson introduced before the City Council today, as well as some background information.

We appreciate your comments and suggestions in drafting this legislation and hope you will be able to comment on the bill when the Committee on the Judiciary holds public hearings.

Thanks again for your help and we will stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Paul Sanders Brown
Executive Assistant

Enclosure

December 11, 1975

District of Columbia Legislative Reporter
Suite 102
1625 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Sir:

On page II-B-19 of your December 8th edition of the District of Columbia Legislative Reporter you indicated that Councilman Rev. Jerry Moore introduced the "Prior Sexual Conduct Act of 1975" on December 2, 1975. Please note for your records that it was Councilman Julius W. Hobson who introduced this piece of legislation and that Councilman Rev. Jerry Moore was a co-sponsor.

I would appreciate it very much if you would send out, immediately, a correction and also make a note of this correction in your next edition.

Sincerely,

Paul Sanders Brown
Executive Assistant to
Councilman Julius Hobson

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Councilman at Large

December 22, 1976

Mr. Alfred Love
Chairman, Board of Directors
Redevelopment Land Authority
1325 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Love:

I have been contacted by Mr. Tony Jones of the D.C. Parent Child Center, Inc. concerning their desire to procure Parcel 13 on 14th Street between Belmont and Chapin Streets as a site for the development and operation of the Mary McLeod Bethune Parent Child Institute.

Their program has a record of demonstrated effectiveness in the area of pre-school education and child care which I heartily support. It is my hope that the Redevelopment Land Authority can give the D.C. Parent Child Center every consideration in this manner

Thank you for your attention on this manner.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at-Large

cc: Mr. Tony Jones

February 4, 1976

Mr. Thomas E. Lodge, Jr, President
Logan Circle Preservation Corporation
1316 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Lodge:

Thank you for your letter transmitting a copy of the letter to Mr. Lorenzo Jacobs, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development in reference to the restoration of the Logan Circle Historic District.

I will certainly keep your views in mind when the Council considers this issue.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

LOGAN CIRCLE PRESERVATION CORPORATION

1316 VERMONT AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

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Jan 22, 1976

Hon. Julius Hobson, Sr.
D.C. City Council

Dear Mr. Hobson,

I would appreciate your reading the enclosed letter.

If you could see your way clear to exercising your influence in our behalf, we would be most grateful.

Sincerely,

Tom Lodge

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Mr. Lorenzo Jacobs, Director
Department of Housing and Community Development
1325 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

The Logan Circle Preservation Corporation submits the following proposition for the restoration of the fourteen properties now owned by the Department of Housing and Community Development in the Logan Circle Historic District. It is our understanding that a prospectus (R-028-SHA) will soon be issued for the disposal of these properties.

This Corporation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization composed primarily of residents of the Logan Circle Area. As the enclosed "Statement of Purpose" indicates, we have a social as well as an architectural commitment to our neighborhood. We thus differ in part from many purely preservation groups.

Almost every member of the Corporation has personal experience in the restoration, preservation, or rehabilitation of at least one (and in some cases, several) properties of the type, style, age, and condition of the houses discussed in this proposal. The collective membership of the Corporation has broad professional training and experience in architecture, building trades, urban planning, law, interior design, real estate, property management, government, and business. In addition, we have the expertise, experience, and facilities of our Advisory Council to call on when needed. Further, we have firsthand knowledge of the neighborhood, its residents' needs and problems.

As you should be fully aware, RLA has grossly injured the Logan Circle area by: (1) Acquiring properties under the explicit promise that the agency would rehabilitate them or timely dispose of them to those who would. (2) Needlessly evicting ("relocating") tenants - mostly low income - and closing the properties, thus reducing the available housing stock and creating hardships for the tenants, several of whom were valued members of the community. (3) Allowing the houses to fall into such an

extreme state of disrepair that there is little chance of any individual or family of any income level - much less the low and moderate income people for whom RLA expressed such concern and from whom it has taken so many houses and neighborhoods - being able to afford the cost of repair. (4) Delaying action on the disposition of the houses for such a protracted period that they became eyesores, afforded excuses for other irresponsible absentee owners to allow their properties to deteriorate, created havens for drug addicts, vagrants, thieves, and other undesirables who preyed on the neighborhood residents, deterred potential home buyers and renters from settling in the neighborhood, and created a climate where lending institutions were and are extremely reluctant to invest in the area.

Therefore, the requests we make of you in this letter are tantamount to asking for reparations for the extreme physical and social damage the city government has done to our neighborhood.

We propose that this Corporation be given all fourteen houses or sold them at a price well below acquisition cost.

The Corporation would restore each property according to the following uses:

Category 1: Numbers 1316 and 1318 Rhode Island Avenue would be restored to their original state as 1870's Victorian townhouses and would serve as a city museum. Exhibits would be supplied by the Smithsonian Institution, which would also direct curatorial services. Operating costs would be paid in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. The basement areas would be available to the community as day-care centers, meeting rooms, classrooms, or other appropriate uses. The upper floor would contain city and neighborhood historical material and memorabilia and would be available to scholars and students.

Category 2: The smaller properties would be rehabilitated to at least D.C. Code and other applicable standards and sold, subject to a Deed of Easement for Interior and Exterior and Right of First Refusal (sample enclosed), to individuals as single family residences. Provision for optional basement level rental units would be made. Properties in this category would include 1501, 1521, and 1523 Vermont Avenue, 1115 P Street, 18 Logan Circle, and 1205 Rhode Island Avenue.

Category 3: The six larger structures would be restored as three to four apartment units. These would be marketed in several possible ways, including condominiums, cooperatives, sale to individuals and families for residence

in one unit and rental of the others, and retention by the Corporation for rental. All sales of these structures and units would be subject to the same easement as those in Category 2. These properties include 1310, 1312 and 1314 Rhode Island Avenue, 1105 P Street, and 1342 and 1344 Vermont Avenue.

In all cases of sale of these properties by the Corporation, first refusal would be offered to (1) the former owner if said owner had been a resident of the property at the time of public acquisition, and (2) present and former tenants.

The Corporation feels that it is possible to develop a sliding scale of both sale prices and rents that would allow mixed income occupancy of rental units and ownership of houses. Thus, upper income buyers and renters would be, to some extent, subsidizing low and moderate income renters and buyers. Such other subsidies which might be available would also be utilized to aid low and moderate income buyers and renters, although, as you are aware, such subsidy programs cannot be trusted to last indefinitely.

In order to carry out this proposal - especially those aspects of it that pertain to lower income owners and renters, and to the museum project - it is mandatory that the cost of the properties to the Corporation be sufficiently low that the Corporation would have enough equity in the market value of the properties to insure adequate collateral for both mortgage and construction loans from commercial lenders, and be able to market the properties at prices affordable to moderate income buyers.

In the case of the museum project, the difference between purchase price and appraised value could be construed as a matching grant by foundations, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the National Endowments, thus making operation of the project more financially feasible.

We urge that you make these properties available to this Corporation on a "gift" basis, as partial restitution for the damage that the D.C. Government's ill-conceived Shaw Urban Renewal Plan and RLA's mismanagement of that plan have perpetrated on the Logan Circle Area.

We ask that the plans outlined in this letter be responded to prior to issuance of a formal prospectus for the disposition of these properties.

We are available to further discuss this proposition with you, your staff, and your Board of Directors at your earliest convenience.

Thomas E. Lodge
President

Enclosures: Statement of Purpose
Easement Form

Logan Circle

Preservation Corporation

LOGAN CIRCLE PRESERVATION CORPORATION

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

1. Background

In establishing the Logan Circle Preservation Corporation, we are seeking to develop and maintain a heterogeneous and stable neighborhood within the general area of the Logan Circle Historic District. We wish to preserve and improve the architecture of the area, which led to its creation as an historic district, and to preserve the social and economic balance of the community. Although other groups and parties in the area are interested in some of the goals outlined below, we feel that the Logan Circle Preservation Corporation can make a unique contribution through its own particular activities which others would be unable to undertake.

The Logan Circle Historic District is centered around Logan Circle, which is at the intersection of 13th and P Streets, Rhode Island and Vermont Avenues, in the northwest quadrant of the District of Columbia. The Historic District, so designated by the District of Columbia Joint Commission on Landmarks and entered on the rolls of the National Register of Historic Landmarks, extends radially (roughly one block) from the Circle along each of the aforementioned streets. The area was originally developed in the 1870's and 1880's as a residential neighborhood of substantial Victorian homes, most of which are row houses. The building facades and public areas, as well as many interiors, though some are in need of varying degrees of restoration, retain their Victorian character.

Today, some of the buildings in the area are used as single-family dwellings, some are rooming houses of widely varying quality, and some have been subdivided into apartments. In addition, a considerable number are unoccupied and in various stages of disrepair. The social composition of the community is as varied as this list of buildings uses would indicate. The residents of the Historic District are diverse in background, in age, income level, length of tenure in the neighborhood, and involvement with residents of the surrounding area.

Of late, there has been a growing interest on the part of the community in the unified renewal of the Historic District. In addition, the Redevelopment Land Agency (RLA) of the District of Columbia has shown an increasing interest in the area for the last several years. In 1972, the RLA commissioned a study by Turner Associates, P.C. and Nicholas Satterlee & Associates, which was completed in November of 1973. The Turner-Satterlee study outlines a plan for the architectural restoration of the Historic District. The implementation of many aspects of the proposal would go far to maintain and restore the Victorian character of the area. Because of budget and other limitations, it is improbable that any aspects of the Turner-Satterlee Plan will be carried out by city agencies in the near future.

Thus the community itself, with such aid as is available from outside sources, must take the lead in the redevelopment and restoration of the Historic District and other nearby areas of architectural value. But a crucial conclusion of the study, which we wholeheartedly endorse, is that the architectural renewal not disrupt or destroy the existing social fabric of the neighborhood.

There is always the danger, when any area is being renewed, that the architectural restoration will assume paramount importance, to the exclusion of concern for the present residents, who may be driven out by rising taxes and rents or who may find their houses and apartments sold out from under them. It is one of our primary goals, as the Historic District area is being renewed, to maintain a diverse population.

2. Organization

LCPC consists of a number of residents and others interested in the preservation of the area.

Additional membership is regulated by the charter group. The members elect officers and a Board of Directors. Basic policy is set by the Board of Directors and the officers. The officers and staff are responsible for carrying out the Corporation's objectives, based on general policy guidelines.

A Board of Advisors is drawn from the greater Washington community. The Board includes leaders from the business, financial, governmental, architectural and social communities of the District of Columbia. The members of the Corporation are able to speak most directly and specifically for the needs of the neighborhood, while the Board of Advisors individually and collectively advise the Corporation on policy, methodology and lend influence to the Corporation in its dealings with Federal and District agencies. It can also materially aid in raising funds to support the Corporation's activities. Just as importantly, the Board of Advisors brings a wider perspective to discussions of methods of attaining the goals of the community. The Corporation is exempt from Federal and D.C. taxes. Grants, gifts and donations are tax deductible.

3. Activities

Some of many possible specific methods by which the Corporation can assist in preserving the area are outlined below. The Corporation, through grants from foundations, loans, Federal funds and other sources will establish a revolving fund. The Corporation will purchase and oversee the use of various buildings in the Historic District area. It will finance projects unilaterally or in connection with others, including the District government, which are of benefit to the community.

As a major portion of its activities, the Corporation will:

A. Acquire properties for:

1. Restoration by the Corporation as single-family homes.
2. Restoration and remodelling by the Corporation into apartment units.

    a. for market rate rental
    b. for low/moderate income rental subsidized by the Corporation.

3. Sale to individuals under strict restoration covenants.

    a. at market rate
    b. at mark-down

B. Such other real estate, restoration, and property management activities that the Corporation may deem useful.

C. Help individuals acquire home ownership through loans, grants and assistance with lending sources.

In addition, the Corporation can form a liaison between the community and the Federal and District governments, can help unify the community's point of view when legislation affecting the community is being considered, and can advise government agencies in future activities in the area.

The formation of the Logan Circle Preservation Corporation is a necessary action in the range of attempts to restore a portion of a major American city. We wish not only to restore the buildings, but also to maintain the social structure and sense of neighborhood that already exist. The Logan Circle Historic District area, we hope, will stand as a viable and vital part of the city that surrounds it.

Excerpts from "The Logan Circle Preservation Area" - a report prepared for the District of Columbia Redevelopment Land Agency (RLA) by Turner Associates, P.C. and Nicholas Satterlee & Associates, August, 1973.

Logan Circle and immediately adjacent radial streets, now designated the Logan Circle Historical District on the National Register of Historic Places, is important because of its place in the symbolic and physical plan of the Nation's Capital, bacause it is a reminder of a lively period in the city's social, economic, and architectural past, and because it has the potential of contributing to the stability of the residential community in which it is situated today.

The Circle, as a basic part of the original L'Enfant geometry, is a Category I landmark on the list of the Joint Committee on Landmarks of the National Capital.* The Historic District is a Category II landmark as being a virtually intact aggregate of Victorian architecture situated around a focal open space and along two of the city's special streets. The statue of General John Logan is a Category III landmark.

Today, in spite of its importance, the Circle and much of the surrounding area are in a generally bad state of repair. Though some of the houses and yards have been treated with loving care, many of the houses are dilapidated and their front yards are in a state of neglect. The present solution to the traffic was made at the expense of the residential community and its pedestrian inhabitants. Landscaping efforts have been sporadic, and the results, along the streets and at mini-park areas, are spotty and disjointed. The noisy commercial, mainly from 14th Street to the west, spills over into the residential area.

If the Historic District is to remain intact, it will have to receive immediate attention. The loss of one house would seriously lessen the impact of this Victorian complex. Even now a house such as No. 4 Logan Circle, at one end of the handsome northwest quadrant, is in a serious state of deterioration and is in acute need of repair.

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*The Joint Committee's landmarks classification system incorporates three categories, defined as follows:

Category I: Landmarks of great importance which contribute significantly to the National cultural heritage or that of the District of Columbia and its environs, and which must be preserved.

Category II: Landmarks of importance which contribute significantly to the cultural heritage or visual beauty and interest of the District of Columbia and its environs, and which should be preserved, or restored, by all possible means.

Category III: Landmarks of value which contribute to the cultural heritage or visual beauty and interest of the District of Columbia and its environs, and which should be preserved, or restored, if practicable.

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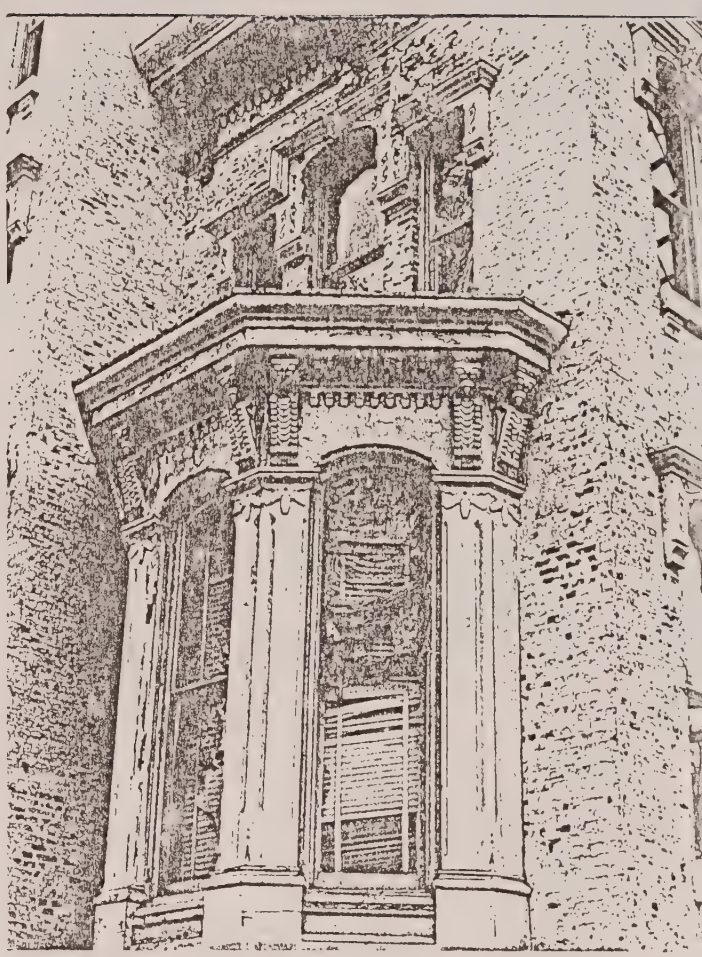

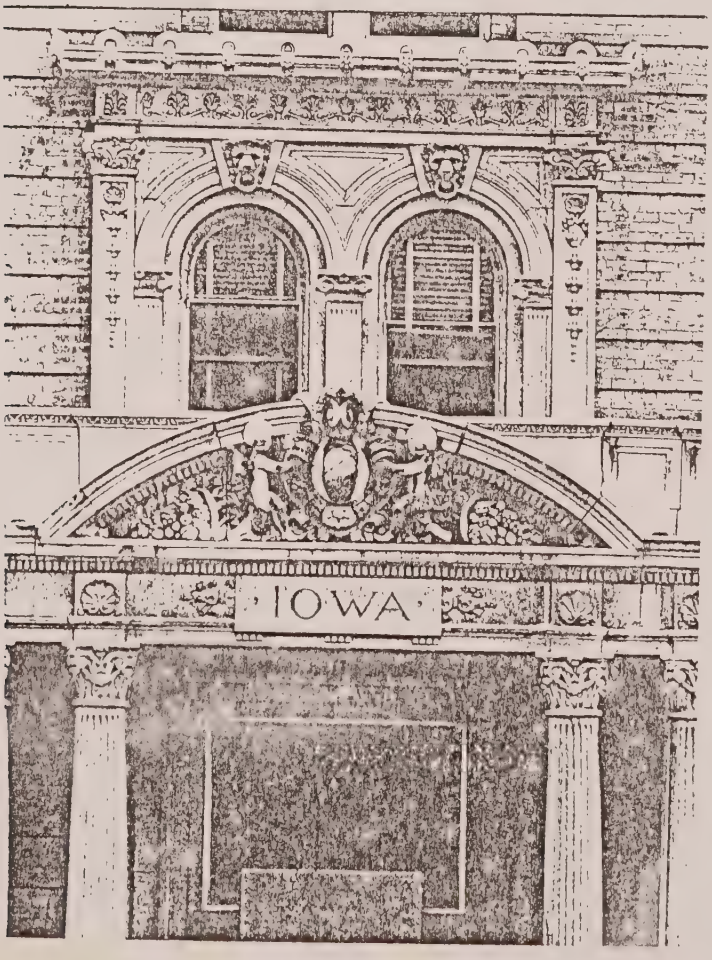
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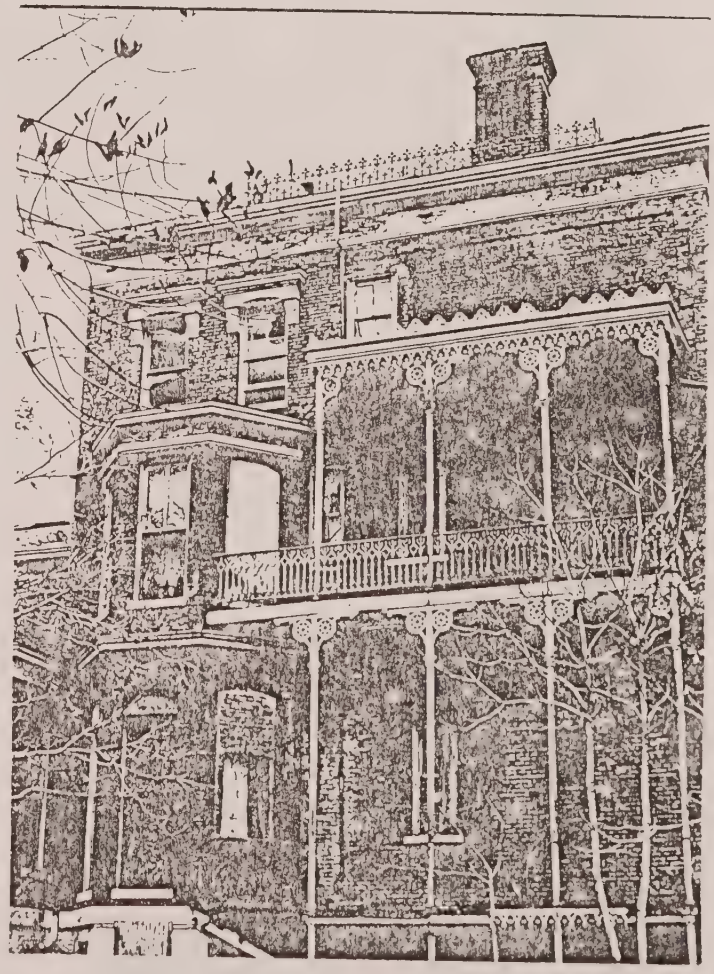

May 24, 1976

Mr. Peter Lassin
Architectura and Compliance Board
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Lassin:

Enclosed is a copy of Bill 1-167, "The Architectural Barriers Act" which I introduced on July 22, 1975 and was referred to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development. Last week the Committee issued a "Mark-up Report." on the Architectural Barriers Act that marks a significant change in the original direction of the bill.

I would greatly appreciate any comments you may have on this report or the bill itself. Please feel free to contact either me or my Executive Assistant, Mr. Sandy Brown, at 724-8073 with any comments or suggestions that you may have.

The bill will come up for a vote and consideration by the Committee on Housing and Urban Development on Friday, June 4, 1975, at 10:00 a.m. I hope you can plan to attend that meeting.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

Enclosure

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Councilman at Large

November 1, 1976

Miss Gloria Lyles
815 Que Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Miss Lyles:

Thank you for your letter of October 19, 1976 concerning the retention of $623,000 for day care services within the budget of the Department of Human Resources and the continued funding of $700,000 for day care services within the Model Cities Program.

In October the Committee on Human Resources and the Aging voted to recommend to the Budget Committee and the Council that the $623,000 earmarked for day care services remain in DHR. I intend to support this recommendation in the Council.

In addition the Council voted last June to approve the District of Columbia application for the Federal Community Development Program Assistance Grant which would give to the District approximately $42 million for housing needs. That grant allocates $660,000 for day care services through the Model Neighborhoods Program and would allow the present day care program to continue through the next year.

I appreciate your taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at-Large

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OCT 26 1976

Julius Hobson, Sr.
Councilmember-At-Large

815 Que st n.w.
October 19, 1976

Dear Councilmember Julius Hobson,

I would like for you to consider the following items during your deliberations on the D.C. budget for fiscal year 1978.

1. Retain the $623,000 that D.H.R. requested to be diverted from day care services. Mr. Yeldell made this request in his testimony before the Council Committee on Human Resources and aging.

2. Insure the continued funding ($700,000) for the Model Cities portion of the day Care program. These funds are currently allocated from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

3. The above items provides only for the survival of present programs and a cost of living increase is necessary if we

are to continue to provide quality programs for young children and their families.

Your support in these matters is vital to thousands of children and parents in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely, Yours
Miss Gloria Lyles

Miss Gloria Lyles
815 Q st n.w.
Wash D.C.
20001

The Honorable Julius Hobson
Councilman at Large
City Council
District Building
14th and E st n.w.
Washington D.C.

February 28, 1977

Mrs. John L. Lewis
1412 Patrick Henry Drive #124
Arlington, Virginia 22205

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

Thank you for your letter of January 5, 1977 concerning my health and offering such words of encouragement expecially since you are sick yourself.

I certainly will agree that we have to keep up our courage, maintain a good attitude and exercise a great will to live to overcome the destruction of the illnesses we both are suffering from. However, with the love and strength of our families we are able to continue our battle no matter what grave predictions the medical community announce.

Keep up the fight and I wish you every success in your campaign to get well.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

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FEB 14 1977

Julius Hobson, Sr.
Councilmember-At-Large

Forward — to staff
& not appropriate
for Hobson

January 5, 1977

Dear Mr. Hobson,

My name is Debbie Lewis, I'm 21 years old. I just read the article in Washington-Star Newspaper about you and your bout with a bone cancer that turned into leukemia.

You see I too have leukemia, they discovered it last February 9th. That day last year they told my family and my husband that I wouldn't live through the night, well as you can tell, almost one year later I'm still alive and fighting my cancer with all my might. I've thought to myself, as you have done, that I have a cancer there is no cure for and I probably don't have long to live; but I've gone into remission, for the second time, of course for the rest of my life I'll have to take drugs to keep me there but most of all Mr. Hobson, you must have a great will to live yourself.

I'm a patient at the Baltimore Cancer Research Center at the University of Maryland. At times, believe it or not, I've watched people with "bad" attitudes, the ones that believe their cancer is incurable, actually die alot sooner than they should have. But I have also watched those that believe they can fight their cancer with their minds and

souls pull through some of the worst you've ever seen.

So Mr. Hobson, don't let yourself believe you only have so long to live, because if you love life enough you can actually live alot longer than you or doctors believe possible, because you see, only God has the right to say when it is your time to die.

Best of luck to you, we're praying for you, and may you live a long happy life.

Love,

Debbie

P.S. - if you have time please write and keep me informed of your progress.

Mrs. John L. Lewis
1412 Patrick Henry Dr. #124
Arlington, VA 22205

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Mrs. Debra M. Lewis
1412 Patrick Henry Dr. #12
Arlington, VA
ZIP CODE 22205

Mr. Julius Hobson
District Building
14th & E Streets, NW
Washington, D.C.
20004

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

Dear

The last part of August, while the D.C. City Council is in recess, is a good time to reflect on how much or how little we have accomplished under the first seven months of home rule. Having been elected for four years as an at-large Councilmember, I feel a particular responsibility to focus on those issues which have long range implications and which may even extend beyond borders of the District.

The enclosed summary lists where we have been and indicates the direction of our future efforts in your behalf. To insure that these priorities represent the best thinking of all of us, I am enclosing a questionnaire which I hope you will take the time to complete and return to me. Your ideas will enable me to plan where I can best apply my energies as the City Council begins work on pending legislation in the fall. We also need and encourage volunteer help in developing and supporting legislative programs. If you know of someone with time and interest to devote to city problems please let me know.

I will also be reserving time to visit with friends and constituents between 10:00 A.M. and 12 Noon on Friday mornings. If you have problems or legislative items you wish to bring to my attention, please call either my Administrative Assistant Mrs. Lorraine McCottry, or my Executive Assistant Mr. Sandy Brown at 638-2223.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson

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Councilman at Large

Enclosures